

## Searching Mentor 3D Library from Xpedition Layout

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#### **Query for 3D Parts/Models**

- Xpedition 3D Designer allows the user to graphically select a component and then to query the xLM 3D Library for a Part/Model to assign
  - Refer to the
     M3DL\_ParameticDatabase\_Installation\_Guide\_V2.2.docx
     documentation on details for installing the xLM 3D Library
     environment
  - Refer to the
     M3DL\_SetupExpedition3D\_DesignerFlow.pdf
     documentation for details in defining xLM 3D Library attribute definitions

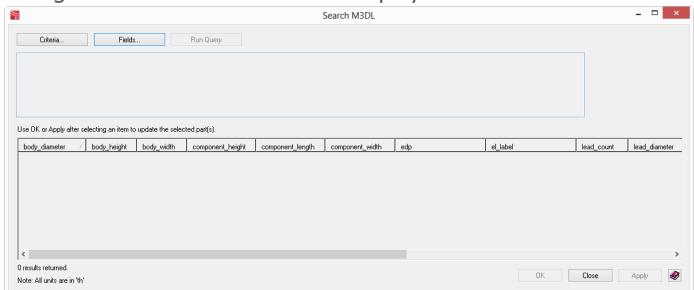
#### **xLM 3D Library**

- Within Xpedition 3D Layout the designer can search the xLM 3D Library using two methods when a component is selected:
  - 3D > Models > Search M3DL command
  - Within the 3D Cell Editor while using the Align 3D Models GUI by selecting the Search M3DL button
- Each of these methods will launch the *Search M3DL* dialog allowing the designer to define a database query to find a 3D part/model to be used by the selected component. These methodologies are only supported for parts which do not already have a 3D model assigned from xDM and these commands are available based on having a component selected in 3D.



#### Search M3DL Dialog

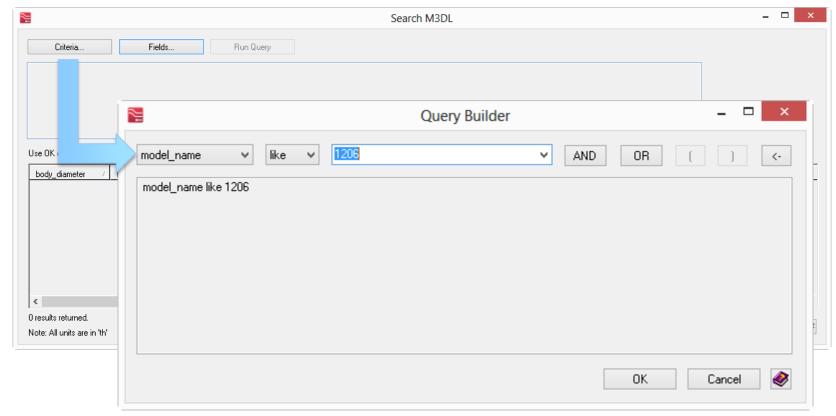
- This dialog allows the designer to define a database query for parts based on the 3D model attributes
  - Criteria displays the Query Builder dialog
  - Fields allows the designer to customize which 3D attributes will be disabled
  - Run Query sends the user's defined query within the Query Builder dialog to the database and then displays the results





### Search M3DL Dialog (cont.)

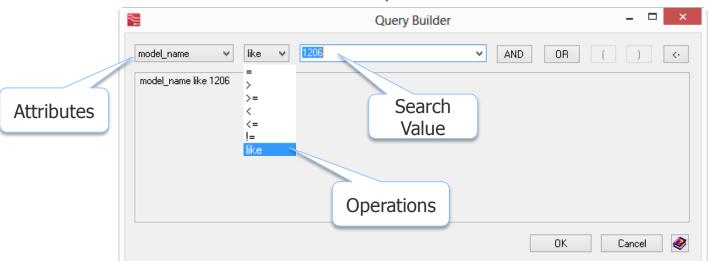
- Criteria option on Search M3DL dialog
  - When the Criteria button is selected the Query Builder dialog appears allowing the designer to input a database query





### **Query Builder Dialog**

- The Query Builder dialog provides pre-defined Attribute and Operation query drop-downs, along with the user's Search Value, locates matching model criteria in the xLM 3D Library
  - Attribute defines the model property to be searched
  - Operation defines matching operation
  - Search Value defines user inputted search criteria



Available Attribute List

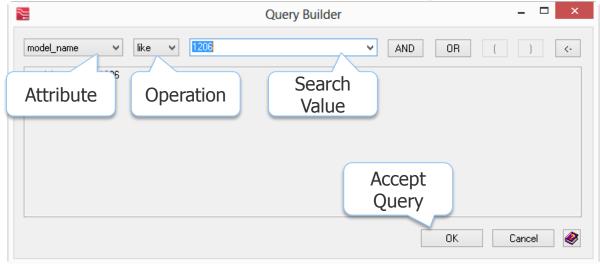
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#### **Query Builder Steps**

#### Once the Query Builder dialog appears:

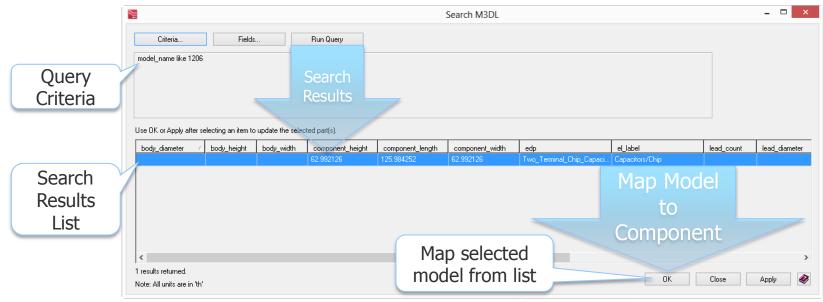
- 1) Select the *Attribute* drop-down to choose the property type to search.
- 2) Select the *Operation* from the drop-down to use during the search.
- 3) Enter a string or use the drop-down to select a Search Value.
- 4) Users may want to add conditions like "AND" "OR" including the use of brackets "[]". The button allows previously added query strings to be removed.
- 5) Select the **OK** button to save and exit the *Query Builder* dialog.





#### Running M3DL Query Search

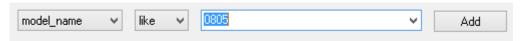
- The Search M3DL dialog reappears displaying the query within the Query Criteria area. Select the Run Query button to initiate the search.
- Once the Run Query returns the search results, select the Row of the desired model and click the OK or Apply button to map the selected model to the selected component.





#### **Common Query Examples**

Search for a model based on a common footprint names 1206, 0805, 0402, etc.



Search for a model based on Manufacturer Number



- Vendor and Lead Count vendor\_lower like samtec and lead\_count = 10
- Complex query search:

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vendor_lower like *micron* and series_root_lower like *mobile* and
lead_count = 54 and package_name_lower like *bga*
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# Graphics

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